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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5833  
INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 5788

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, ET  
SUBJECT: UNEASINESS IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 5733 (NOTAL)

1. ON HEELS OF INCIDENT AT ITALIAN EMBASSY SEPT 28, TANZAN-  
IAN EMBASSY WAS BROKEN INTO LATE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, OCT 2.  
ACCORDING AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, "SOME DOCUMENTS" AND  
TYPEWRITER WERE TAKEN. IDENTITY OF INTRUDERS UNKNOWN. LOCAL  
GUARD OR GUARDS MERELY SAW THEM LEAVING OVER WALL.

2. THIS SECOND INCIDENT IS CAUSING CONCERN AMONG NUMBER OF  
DIPLOMATS. AFRICANS MET OCT 3 TO DISCUSS SITUATION AND  
CAMEROONIAN DEAN OF CORPS IS MEETING WITH REGIONAL DEANS  
OCT 4 TO DETERMINE WHAT MIGHT BE DONE VIS-A-VIS EPMG TO EN-  
SURE PROTECTION FOR EMBASSIES. MEANWHILE EPMG IS FURNISHING  
MILITARY/POLICE GUARDS (UNASKED) AT ITALIAN, FRENCH, WEST  
GERMAN, AND APPARENTLY SOVIET EMBASSIES AND PERHAPS OTHERS.  
EGYPTIAN CHARGE HAS HEARD REPORT (UNVERIFIED) THAT TRACT IS  
CIRCULATING IN ADDIS WHICH INTER ALIA MAKES THREATS AGAINST  
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ITALIAN, FRENCH, BRITISH AND BELGIAN EMBASSIES. TRACT IS  
ALLEGEDLY SIGNED BY VARIETY OF LIBERATION GROUPS INCLUDING  
EPRP AND PERHAPS EDU.

3. COMMENT: ETHIOPIANS WILL HAVE TO TAKE CORPS, ESPECIALLY  
AFRICAN, CONCERN SERIOUSLY, SINCE EPMG WILL CERTAINLY NOT  
WANT AFRICANS TO GAIN IMPRESSION THAT THERE ARE SECURITY

THREATS TO EMBASSIES WHICH CANNOT BE HANDLED, AND THUS ADD TO AFRICAN UNEASINESS ABOUT PRESENCE OF OAU HEADQUARTERS IN ADDIS. CONCERN FOR SECURITY IS NORMALLY HIGHER AMONG AFRICANS BECAUSE MANY AFRICAN AMBASSADORS ARE FREQUENTLY AWAY ON OAU OR ECA BUSINESS AND MUST LEAVE THEIR FAMILIES ALONE. INDEED MOFA PERMSEC TOLD CHARGE OCT 1 AFTER ITALIAN INCIDENT THAT EPMG WAS INSTITUTING SPECIAL ROVING PATROLS.

4. NO ONE SEEMS QUITE SURE WHAT LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS ALL ABOUT DESPITE MUCH SPECULATION, AND NO ONE YET BELIEVES EPMG CAN REALLY SET UP FOOL-PROOF SYSTEM OF PROTECTION FOR ALL THE EMBASSIES IN ADDIS. WE IN MEANTIME ARE TAKING PRE-CAUTIONS BY TIGHTENING UP ON OUR OWN SECURITY.  
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